

Guildhall School of Music Lodge

No 2454



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Guildhall School of Music Lodge Number 2454 held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ On Monday 22nd October 2018

Present

Officers

Worshipful Master	W Bro STEPHEN BOSWELL
Immediate Past Master	W Bro JONATHAN LONERGAN
Senior Warden	W Bro GRAHAM BATHO SLGR
Junior Warden (Acting)	W Bro ROBERT BLANCHARD LGR
Chaplain	W Bro ROBERT BLANCHARD LGR
Treasurer	W Bro JEFFREY FORD SLGR
Secretary	W Bro JAMES SANDERSON FRSA, LGR MetDepGOrg
Director of Ceremonies	W Bro ROY TAYLOR LGR PPrAGSwdB (West Kent)
Almoner	W Bro GRAHAM BATHO SLGR
Charity Steward	W Bro KAMAL KAUSHAL
Mentor	W Bro JOHN HOWARD LGR
Senior Deacon	Bro CARLOS ZICCARELLI
Junior Deacon	Bro JOHN HOWARD LGR
Organist (Acting)	W Bro JAMES SANDERSON FRSA, LGR MetDepGOrg
Inner Guard	Bro CRISTIAN BALTEI
Steward	Bro SORIN BALABAN
Tyler	W Bro WALTER BRISCOE LGR

Members

W Bro Dan Chalk LGR
W Bro Gregory Raileanu
W Bro Richard Harris PAGDC

Visitors

Name	Lodge	Guest of
W Bro Ian Calderwood PPSGW	Vale of Welland (8845)	W Bro Graham Batho
W Bro Ivor Macklin SLGR	Paynter Stainers (4256)	Lodge VO
W Bro Peter Vernon SLGR	Ulster (2972)	Lodge SVO

Bro Ronald Trieb

Zu den Sieben Himmeln

Grand Lodge

W Bro John Scholes PPGSwB

Merit (466)

W Bro Graham Batho

W Bro Graham Hodgson

Radiant Star (8967)

W Bro Roy Taylor

W Bro Nicholas Turner MetGStdB

Metropolitan Grand Lodge

Lodge (EO)

W Bro Matthew Hampson PJGD

Metropolitan Grand
Inspector

Lodge

1. Opening

The Worshipful Master welcomed all members and visitors and the Secretary read out the Fire Instructions. The Opening Ode was sung and the Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 5.08 p.m. The Warrant of the Lodge was displayed.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday September 17th, 2018 having been previously circulated, were approved by the Brethren *nem con* and signed by the Worshipful Master.

3. To invest and install those officers who were absent from the Installation Meeting

The investiture of Brother Green as Steward, as he was unavoidably detained, was postponed to the January Meeting.

4. To welcome W Bro Matthew D Hampson, PJGD, Metropolitan Grand Inspector

Escorted by W Bro Nicholas Turner MetGStdB, W Bro Matthew D Hampson, PJGD, Metropolitan Grand Inspector was welcomed in due form. Although offered the gavel, he chose to return it to the W.M. and the meeting proceeded.

5. To Raise Bro Sorin-Ionut Balaban, Initiated on the 20th of September, 2016 and Passed on the 18th of September, 2017.

Entered apprentices were asked to leave the Lodge for a time and the Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Fellowcrafts with the exception of Bro Balaban were asked to leave the Lodge for a short time. The Worshipful Master asked the usual questions of Bro Balaban, which were clearly answered without hesitation, after which he was entrusted with a test of merit and then retired from the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master invited W Bro Graham Batho to occupy the Master's chair. The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro Balaban was obligated, entrusted with the secrets of the Degree and raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the Worshipful Master in a very competent manner. Bro Balaban retired from the Lodge to restore himself to his personal comforts.

The Worshipful Master invited W Bro Jeffrey Ford to occupy the Master's chair for the traditional history. On his return Bro Balaban was presented with the badge of the degree. The Signs, Token and Word of a Master Mason were further explained to him and the Working Tools of the Degree were presented to him in a most competent manner by W Bro Kamal Kaushal. On behalf of the Worshipful Master and the Lodge, W Bro Matthew Hampson PJGD, MetGIInsp presented Bro Balaban with an inscribed ritual book and commended it to his study.

The Lodge was closed in full in the third degree. W Bro Jeffrey thanked the Worshipful Master for permitting him to occupy the Master's chair for this part of the ceremony.

The Worshipful Master then resumed his chair and the Lodge was resumed in the First Degree.

6. To receive the Almoner's report

Bro Almoner reported that Barbara Chalk is now walking again properly following a sprained ankle. She is nearly better now and she has thrown away the (walking) stick and getting back to normal. Sylvia Mogg has been away with youngest son in Derbyshire. She is 93 and still very energetic. Jean Lallys is doing very well. Cheryl Oliphant is finally beginning to get David's affairs in order and has the old house on the market. She is hoping for a sale by Christmas.

W Bro Dan Chalk spoke briefly about Ken Chalk: earlier in the year he'd had some concerns re. his health but so far everything has been positive and is looking good. A further investigation at Christmas, but fingers crossed and all looking very good.

7. To receive the Charity Steward's report

8. Pursuant to notice of motion given at the meeting held on the 16th of April, 2018, the Charity Steward proposed that sums be donated to charity as follows:

RMBI	£250
Masonic Trust for Girls & Boys	£250
Grand Charity General Fund	£250
New Masonic Samaritan Fund	£250
Richard House Trust	£300
Trinity Hospice	£300
Master's List: NMC Fire Brigade Appeal	£500

The Charity Steward advised Brethren that the Lodge has achieved Foundation status (£1000) in the Fire Brigade Appeal and it is his intention that we make Vice-Patron by the end of the appeal (£3000).

The proposition was Seconded by W Bro Richard Harris and passed by the Brethren *nem con*.

9. Pursuant to notice of motion given at the meeting held on 17th of September 2018, the Treasurer will propose a motion to exclude a member under by-law 6 (v) and according to rule 181

This motion was withdrawn as the arrears had been cleared and the member was once again in good standing with the Lodge.

10. To collect alms

Collection of alms was deferred to the Festive Board. A sum of £180.00 including contributions from absent Brethren resulted. With Gift Aid tax recovery where applicable added the final total will amount to £225.00

11. The Risings

The Master rose for the first time:

Bro Secretary stated had been no new papers since those circulated for the September Meeting

The Master rose for the second time:

Bro Secretary mentioned that he had sent copies of the latest London Second Rising to members of the Lodge by email or paper copy as appropriate prior to our last meeting.

W Bro Hampson wished that the thanks of MetGL, the MetGInsp himself and the MetGM be recorded in the minutes for the fundraising to date and for donations that will be made to support the Fire Brigade Appeal.

The Master rose for the third time:

Bro Secretary reported that following a recent interview he was delighted to receive a completed Form M for Mr Ion Kojokari of 48 Leverhulme Gardens, London SE9 3DG, a Company Director of South River Coffee, 84 Balham High Road, London SW12 9AG. He was born on the 15th of March 1989 and is Proposed by W Bro Gregory Raileanu who has known him for 18 years and 10 months and Seconded by W Bro John Howard who has known him for 1 year.

Bro Secretary recommended any Brother on WhatsApp to let him know so that he may be added to the Lodge WhatsApp group. Additionally, any Brother whose contact details have changed, please advise Bro Secretary as soon as possible.

He reminded Brethren to ensure they have paid their dining fee before departing the Lodge.

He reported that he had received apologies for absence from W Bros Cornish, Sullivan, Robinson, Moore, Clarke and Brindley and Bros Ken Chalk, Borowik, Visavadia, Green and Quaife. All sent their good wishes to the Worshipful Master for a successful evening.

10. Closing

Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry in general or for this Lodge in particular, the Lodge was closed at 7.09 p.m. The Closing Ode and National Anthem were sung after which 24 brethren and guests dined in peace and harmony in the Durham Room of the Grand Connaught Rooms.

Signed

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